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1. The Polish Steamship Company (P.Z.M.) will shortly receive four new ships for transport of general cargo.
2. The Crews Inspectorate of the P.Z.M. is already engaged in drawing up lists of crews to man these new ships. The ships were built in Poland, on Soviet orders, and the USSR is to return them to Poland.
3. Two of these ships were built in Szczecin (Stettin). The Russians are handing these back because they are uneconomical and burn too much fuel. The two other ships are to be returned because they were fitted out with engines of Hungarian manufacture, which proved dangerous to personnel servicing them, especially when the ship was being maneuvered.
4. These ships are of the MS SAN type, with the following differences, however:
 - a. The SAN has a 680 DWT capacity and these ships have an 800 DWT capacity.
 - b. These ships have a superstructure containing boatswain's stores in the bow.
 - c. The crews' quarters are very luxurious. (sic)

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